

SENATE RESOLUTION 234

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to name the press area in Legislative Plaza 12 in honor of the late Don Spain.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that this Body should name a legislative facility to honor the memory of one of the finest journalists this state has ever produced, namely the late Don Spain of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Don Spain was a distinguished political photojournalist, successful businessman, and the senior member of the Capitol Hill Press Corps, having covered Tennessee state government and the General Assembly for more than four decades; and

WHEREAS, known and beloved by citizens across the State of Tennessee, Mr. Spain was the owner of Capitol Media Service and the producer of *Legislative Report*, the long-running weekly recap of activities in the General Assembly which was broadcast statewide on public television stations; and

WHEREAS, Don Spain was a trusted professional who rightfully earned the respect of everyone on Capitol Hill, including legislators, legislative staff, and lobbyists, as well as his media colleagues, for the exceptional quality of his work and his dedication to journalism; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that the elevated area in Legislative Plaza 12/14, that is reserved for the use of the press corps and the State Library and Archives, is hereby designated the "Don Spain Media Gallery" in honor of an exceptional journalist and even more accomplished human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Facility Administrator for the General Assembly is directed to erect or affix an appropriate marker or sign designating the press area in Legislative Plaza 12/14 as the "Don Spain Media Gallery".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Facility Administrator for the General Assembly.